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PORT DEVELOPMENT

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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER FROM PROF.
VALALAS REPORTED REFTEL:

DEAR SIR:

WITH THIS LETTER I WISH TO EXPRESS TO YOU AND THROUGH YOU TO
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES THE DEEPEST THANKS OF
THE ADMINISTRATION COUNCIL OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE PORT
OF THESSALONIKI AND MY VERY PERSONAL THANKS FOR SENDING OVER
MR N. PAKIS, A SPECIALIST ON TRANSPORTATION AND AN ASSOCIATE
OF THE MARITIME ADMINISTRATION OF THE U.S. DEPT OF COMMERCE.
MR PAKIS WHO REMAINED WITH US HERE FROM NOVEMBER 10, 1975 TILL
THE 5TH OF DECEMBER OF 1975 HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY
PROBLEMS OF THE PORT OF THESSALONIKI WHICH ARE RELATED TO
THE FUTURE EXPANSION OF THE PORT AND AS WELL PROBLEMS WHICH HAVE
RESULTED DUE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FREE INDUSTRIAL
ZONE OF THESSALONIKI WHICH IS UNDER STUDY.
FURTHERMORE, WE HAVE REQUESTED MR PAKIS TO EXPRESS HIS VIEWS
ON THE POSSIBILITY TO DEAL IN THE SHORT RUN WITH THE USE
OF THE PORT OF THESSALONIKI BY CONTAINERS SINCE
THE PORT DOES NOT HAVE THE NECESSARY EQUIPMENT YET.

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ON THE ABOVE, MR PAKIS HAS CONDUCTED TWO STUDIES,

COPIES OF WHICH WE ARE SENDING TO YOU ENCLOSED, WHICH WE
CONSIDER VERY HELPFUL AND OF GREAT ASSISTANCE IN PROCEEDING
FURTHER WITH THE PLANS OF THE PORT MENTIONED BEFORE.
IT WOULD BE VERY HELFUL FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE PORT
OF THESSALONIKI IF IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR MR PAKIS TO CONTINUE
AFTER HIS RETURN TO WASHINGTON HIS ASSISTANCE TO US IN PUTTING
TOGETHER THE OUTLINE OF THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL OF THE NEW
EXPANSION OF THE PORT.
VERY TRULY YOURS

PROF. DEM. VALALAS
PRESIDENT OF THE THESSALONIKI PORT AUTHORITY
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